



Hearing Notice

Adopting Rule Amendments and Including Amendments in the State Implementation Plan

Chapter 173-434 WAC, Solid Waste Incinerators

Background

Solid waste incinerators in Washington State are regulated by Chapter 173-434 of Washington Administrative Code (WAC), Solid Waste Incinerator Facilities. This WAC establishes emission standards, design requirements, and performance standards for these facilities. It applies to facilities that incinerate more than 12 tons of solid waste per day.

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) is proposing to amend Chapter 173-434 WAC for solid waste incinerator facilities. The amendments would exempt most creosote-treated wood, and would exempt existing practices at cement kilns. For new facilities, they would also replace existing rule requirements with the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) more stringent waste incinerator rules (found in 40 CFR, Part 60, Subpart Eb). Existing facilities are encouraged to opt in to the EPA-based rules.

Affected facilities include the Tacoma Steam Plant in Tacoma, Kimberly-Clark in Everett, the Spokane Waste to Energy facility in Spokane, and the Ash Grove and Lafarge cement plants in Seattle.

Hearing information

The Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) will hold two public hearings.

Ecology will hold a public hearing to receive comments on proposed amendments to Chapter 173-434 WAC, Solid Waste Incinerators. The amendments would make 40 CFR 60, subpart Eb, an alternative means of compliance with Chapter 173-434 WAC. Redundant sections would be removed. Editorial changes would be included. Creosote-treated wood would be removed from the definition of "solid waste." Cement plants could continue burning as before.

Immediately following the rule amendment hearing, Ecology will hold a public hearing to receive comments on including the rule amendments in the State Implementation Plan (SIP). The SIP is a federally-enforceable statewide plan for meeting federal health-based standards for certain air pollutants. Chapter 173-434 WAC is presently in the SIP.

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Hearing schedule

The hearings will be held:

Tuesday, July 22, 2003
7:00 p.m.

Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department
Auditorium
3629 South "D" Street
Tacoma, Washington

How can I comment on this proposed rule amendment?

Public comments can be submitted at the hearing or at any time throughout the comment period. Written comments must be received no later than July 29, 2003, and should be sent to Steve Cross by mail at Department of Ecology, P.O. Box 47600, Olympia, WA 98504-7600, by fax to 360-407-7534, or by e-mail to rulescomments@ecy.wa.gov.

For more information

For more information about the content of the regulations, prior to the hearing, please contact:

Steve Cross, Department of Ecology
360-407-6875 or stcr461@ecy.wa.gov

Additional information is available at:
<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/laws-rules/activity/wac173434.html>

If you have special accommodation needs, please contact Bari Schreiner (360) 407-6998 (voice), 711 or (800) 833-8973 (TTY), by July 21, 2003.

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